


<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. <b>09/199,669</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Shennib</b>	
	Examiner <b>Dionne Harvey</b>	Art Unit <b>2643</b>	

**--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

**THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-97.

3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

(a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

(a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☒ hereto    or    2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.

(c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1 ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

3 ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

5 ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449), Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_

7 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

9 ☐ Other

2 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

4 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

6 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8 ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract:

On lines 10-14, please delete the phrase beginning with "In a preferred..." and ending with "...the cartilaginous region."

In claim 1:

on line 11, between "assembly" and "including", please insert --, separate from the microphone assembly and--

on line 11, following "device", please insert --, thereby overcoming the need for a unitary enclosure which typically encloses the battery and microphone components--

on line 12, following "a", please insert --single--

on line 12, please delete "electrically and mechanically connecting"

on line 12, following "connector", please insert--for providing a direct electrical and mechanical connection to--

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In claim 50:

on line 11, between “assembly” and “including”, please insert --, separate from the  
microphone assembly and--

on line 11, following “device”, please insert --, thereby overcoming the need for a unitary  
enclosure which typically encloses the battery and microphone components--

on line 12, following “a”, please insert --single--

on line 12, please delete “electrically connecting”

on line 12, following “connector”, please insert--for providing a direct electrical and  
mechanical connection to--

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of  
the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such  
submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statements for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner  
should be directed to Dionne Harvey whose telephone number is (703) 305-1111. The examiner  
can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 6:00pm.

**Any responses to this action should be mailed to:**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

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**or faxed to:**

(703) 308-6306, for formal communications for entry

**Or:**

(703) 308-6296, for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT".

Hand delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive,  
Arlington, VA., Sixth Floor(Receptionist)

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's  
supervisor, Curtis Kuntz, can be reached at (703) 305-4708.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the  
examiner should be directed to Dionne Harvey whose telephone number is (703) 305-1111.

D.H.

January 12, 2004